

CALReUSE

CALIFORNIA RECYCLE UNDERUTILIZED SITES PROGRAM

Frequently Asked Questions as of September 3, 2008

1. What is CALReUSE?

The California Recycle Underutilized Sites Programs assist with the reuse and redevelopment of underutilized properties with real or perceived hazardous material contamination issues (brownfields). CALReUSE offers two programs under its umbrella, one for financing brownfield site assessment and the other to finance brownfield cleanup.

Assessment Program

The CALReUSE Assessment Program (structured by Section 8090 to Section 8101 of the [Regulations](#)) addresses a funding and information gap in the development of brownfields to help bring these properties into productive reuse. The Assessment Program provides forgivable loans – up to \$300,000 generally and \$500,000 for housing projects – to fund site assessment and characterization, technical assistance, remedial action plans and site access. More information about the program can be found [here](#).

Remediation Program

The CALReUSE Remediation Program is funded by Proposition 1C, The Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust fund Act of 2006 (structured by Sections 8090, 8102-8102.15 of the [Regulations](#)). The Program finances brownfield cleanup that promotes infill residential and mixed-use development, consistent with regional and local land use plans. Grants and Loans are available up to \$5 million for eligible projects. More information about this program can be found [here](#).

2. What types of projects are eligible for financing?

The two CALReUSE programs – Site Assessment and Remediation – target different types of projects due to their distinct authorizing statutes. Both programs require that projects meet project readiness criteria, that applicants are a quality development entity with a proven track record, and that absent CALReUSE resources the project would most likely not move forward.

Assessment Program

The Assessment Program prioritizes projects located in distressed communities. There is no limitation on this program for the ultimate end-use of the site, unlike the Remediation Program.

Remediation Program

The Remediation Program is for projects in an Infill Area that are consistent with local or regional land use plans and promote residential or mixed use development. The end-use of the site must have a housing component. Projects may be eligible for a grant or a loan, depending on their

CALReUSE

CALIFORNIA RECYCLE UNDERUTILIZED SITES PROGRAM

characteristics. The best way to find out what your project may be eligible for, is it to review [Section 8102.4 of the Program regulations](#).

3. How do I apply for funding?

CPCFA uses a collaborative approach of engaging Strategic Partners to assist in administering CALReUSE. By statute CPCFA is authorized to work in conjunction with public and private sector entities, including but not limited to cities, counties, school districts, redevelopment agencies, financial institutions, and for-profit and non-profit development entities. Because contamination issues add complexity to project developments, Strategic Partners have a demonstrated understanding of the development process, the environmental assessment process, remediation, the regulatory process, and loan and grant administration. Strategic Partners have historically predominantly been local governments, and a non-profit entity has served as the CALReUSE Statewide Strategic Partner.

To apply for funding, contact a Strategic Partner or CALReUSE staff at (916) 654-5610 or calreuse@treasurer.ca.gov.

Assessment Program

There are currently six Strategic Partners under contract to administer the Assessment Program, their contact information can be found [here](#). Strategic Partners distribute application information, review applications, and enter into loan agreements on behalf of the Authority.

Remediation Program

There are two Statewide Strategic Partners and two Local Strategic Partners under the Remediation Program; their contact information can be found [here](#). Strategic Partners administer the Remediation Program under a similar structure to the Assessment Program. A fundamental difference between the two programs is that under the Remediation Program, the Authority's Board will determine financial awards and amounts, and retains final decision-making authority for entering into grants and loans and approving all reimbursement requests. Application information will be submitted to Strategic Partners who will then make a recommendation to the Authority's Board for financing approval.

4. How do I obtain an application?

See above. The Authority does not require the use of a specific application form, however the information required for an application to be complete is identified in the [regulations](#) under Section 8092 for the Assessment Program and Section 8102.2 for the Remediation Program. Strategic Partners may provide applications upon request.

CALReUSE

CALIFORNIA RECYCLE UNDERUTILIZED SITES PROGRAM

5. How is an application reviewed and granted?

Assessment Program

Within program guidelines established by CPCFA, Strategic Partners review and approve applications under the Assessment Program. The Strategic Partner will notify the applicant within 45 days upon receiving a completed application if the application is approved or denied and the reasons for any denial.

Remediation Program

Under the Remediation Program, Strategic Partners review and score applications (Section 8102.14 of the Regulations) and make recommendations to the Authority for financing. The Strategic Partner will notify the applicant within 45 days upon receiving a completed application if the application is recommended to the Authority or denied and the reasons for any denial. A Strategic Partner must submit its recommended projects 30 days prior to a [regularly scheduled](#) monthly board meeting for consideration. Financing will be offered on a rolling basis as long as funds are available.

6. How do I appeal the denial of an application?

Please contact the Strategic Partner you have been working with or CALReUSE staff if you have any questions regarding your application.

7. How do I contact staff at CALReUSE?

There are several ways to reach CALReUSE Staff,

Via mail or in person:	Deana Carrillo, Program Manager CALReUSE California Pollution Control Financing Authority 915 Capitol Mall, Room 457 Sacramento, CA 95814
------------------------	---

Via phone:	(916) 654-5610 (main line) (916) 657-5051 (Deana Carrillo direct)
------------	--

Via email:	calreuse@treasurer.ca.gov dcarrillo@treasurer.ca.gov
------------	--